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SUBJECT: TTPI, GUAM AND AMERICAN SAMOA REPRESENTATION AT
PNG INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

REF: A. PORT MORESBY 0587; B. PORT MORESBY 0478

CINCPACREP PLEASE PASS TO STATUS LNO SAIPAN

1. INASMUCH AS UNITED STATES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN
RELATIONS OF TTPI AS WELL AS US TERRITORIES OF GUAM AND
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AMERICAN SAMOA, ANY PNG INVITATIONS TO ATTEND PNG INDEPEN-

DENCE CELEBRATIONS MUST AT MINIMUM BE CONVEYED THROUGH USG USING US DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS (CONGEN TO DEPARTMENT WHICH, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH USG AGENCIES CONCERNED, WILL RELAY TO TTPI, GUAM AND AMERICAN SAMOA AS APPROPRIATE.)

2. WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN PERSUADE PNG TO HOLD OFF EXTENDING INVITATIONS TO GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA AND TTPI FOR THE PRESENT USG AGENCIES CONCERNED ARE URGENTLY SEEKING TO REACH DECISION ON APPROPRIATE FORM OF REPRESENTATION--FOR GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA AND TTPI. CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO INCLUDING THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ON USG DELEGATION, WHICH WOULD

BE NORMAL PRACTICE GIVEN US RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR FOREIGN

AFFAIRS. WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVE OF ASKING PNG TO EXTEND SEPARATE INVITATIONS TO GUAM AND AMERICAN SAMOA AND TTPI IN THEIR CAPACITIES AS FELLOW PARTICIPANTS IN SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE. PLEASE PROVIDE CONGEN ASSESSMENT AS TO WHETHER EITHER OF THESE ALTERNATIVES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GPNG.

3. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT GPNG IS INVITING OTHER NON-SELF GOVERNING TERRITORIES IN SOUTH PACIFIC DIRECTLY AND NOT THROUGH THEIR ADMINISTERING POWER AS REPORTED REF B. DOES THIS INCLUDE FRENCH ADMINISTERED TERRITORIES AS WELL? ARE ALL NON-SELF GOVERNING TERRITORIES IN SOUTH PACIFIC BEING INVITED TO SEND OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES?

4. IF GPNG WERE TO SEND COMMUNICATIONS TO GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA AND TTPI INVITING THEM TO SEND OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCH COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO GOVERNORS OF GUAM AND AMERICAN SAMOA AND TO HIGH COMMISSIONER OF TTPI (NOT TO CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AS REPORTED PARA C REF A).

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